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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-ARGININE USING CULTURED  
MICROORGANISMS EXPRESSING THE GLUTAMATE DEHYDROGENASE  
GENE FROM A CORYNEFORM BACTERIA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

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SIR:

Prior to the payment of the Issue Fee, please amend the Claims of the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.